

To: House Energy and Environment Committee

Dear Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee:

My name is Sun Nguyen from Deschutes County, and I'm writing to express my **support for House Bill 2618, the short term solar and storage rebate.**

As a homeowner, concerned millennial and activist, I believe now more than ever, we need leadership from the top to spearhead the fight against a changing climate. Supporting solar energy makes so much sense in terms of cost savings, reducing CO2 emissions, and creating jobs in the clean energy sector (labor and manufacturing). Solar energy has the ability to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and foster a resilient and sustainable environment here in Oregon.

This bill incentivises low and middle income homeowners and business owners to make an investment in solar energy that is economically possible and good for our planet. When the Residential Energy Tax Credit went away, it greatly reduced the incentive for homeowners to go solar, in turn reducing the number of jobs in the solar industry. We need this bill to revive the solar and clean energy industry here in Oregon.

It's pretty amazing to witness these investments in solar from big corporations like Facebook and Google, and even the Oregon Military Department and the United States Forest Services. They understand the value and cost savings of an investment like this, and so do homeowners. Please bring this bill to fruition so we can bring solar power to the people - to the communities that need it most.

Thank you,
Sun Nguyen